

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0084

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # H-030 - 4 Car Garage/Wallops Employee
Morale Association {Current}
Property Date: 1950
Address(s): Cartlidge Drive {}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Solid	Concrete	Foundation - Block
Porch	Porch - Stoop w/ overhang	Wood	other
Roof	Roof - Gable	Asphalt	Roof - Asphalt Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Concrete	Structural System - Aluminum Siding
Windows	Windows - Sash	Wood	Windows - 6/6

Site Description: The structure is located on a grass lawn surrounded by a wooded lot on the south side of Rehor Road.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Military Residential	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Military Residential

Est. Date of Construction: 1950
Accessed? Yes
Primary Resource? Yes
Number of Stories: 2.0
Architectural Style: Other
Condition: Good
Interior Plan Type: Other
Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The first story is made of concrete block and the second is covered with aluminum siding. The building is four bays wide by two bays deep. The southeast (front) elevation is divided into four, one-story garage bays, each of which is covered by a modern aluminum roll top door. Three symmetrically placed six-over-six double hung wood sash windows are located above. The northwest elevation contains similar windows in each bay of the first and second floor with one exception: on the first story, the second bay on from the north corner contains a replacement steel security door, placed within an area of concrete block that shows evidence of an alteration. The gable ends also contain the same six-over-six window in each bay of the second story. However, on the northeast elevation, a door with a four light window above two recessed panels opens onto an exterior landing, supported by wood posts, that provides access to grade via a set of wood stairs. A small, gabled canopy, supported by knee braces, shelters the door. A small, shed roof utility shed addition abuts the building on the southwest elevation.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This two-story building, constructed in 1950, is located just to the north of the housing area initially built by the U.S. Navy for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). It was identified as "H-30" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "Housing Area Garage" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. The first story of the building has been in continual use as a four-car garage since its construction while the second story is currently used by the Wallops Employee Morale Association (WEMA).

The building is representative of a secondary support building associated with Military/Defense housing that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period. The building was one of several buildings and structures constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the years following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. Although not currently in use, the building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

This Four Car Garage/Wallops Employee Morale Association building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource retains its integrity of materials, design, workmanship, and feeling. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffles and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
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Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

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